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SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of
SUGAR HILL

New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 1977

Sixteenth Annual Report of the Town of Sugar Hill

Year Ended December 31, 1977

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Office	823-8468
Moderator Robert Whitney (term expires Town Meeting 1978)	
Town Clerk Edith Aldrich	823-8468
Selectmen Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman, 1978 Bradford H. Whipple, 1979 Donald E. Jesseman, 1980	823-5937 444-2922 823-8008
Tax Collector Edith Aldrich	823-8468
Treasurer Lissa Boissonneault	
Highway Agent Harold Aldrich	823-5301
Police Chief Gary Young Grafton County Sheriffs Department	823-8858 1-800-552-0393
Fire Chief Peter Robertson	
To Report a Fire Fire Station	823-8412 823-8415
Auditor Edward Pinkerton	
Supervisors of the Checklist Edward Wessels, 1978 Dorothy MacEwan, 1980 Philip Robertson, 1982	823-5602 823-5354
Overseer of Public Welfare Mary E. Peckett	
Health Officer Anna Congdon	

Library Trustees

Gladys Jesseman, Chairman, 1980

Sandra Coffin, 1979

Jane Vincent, 1978

Trustees of Trust Funds

James Alexander, Chairman, 1979

James Branch, 1980

Raymond Dickinson, 1978

Board of Adjustment

Charles Weston, Chairman, 1980

M. Fred Thoma, 1981

Philip Struhsacker, 1978

Robert Whitney, 1979

Aubrey Reid, 1982

Planning Board

James Branch, Chairman

Donald Straw

Donald E. Jesseman

Esther Serafini

Richard Peabody

Joseph Cushing, Jr.

Philip Robertson

Appointing Authority

Gilbert Oakes

Benton Moyer

Harry Reid

Conservation Commission

Margaret Peckett

Barbara Hayward

Philip Robertson

Otto Smith-Johannsen

Aubrey Reid

Sandra Coffin

Edna Glaessel

Carolina Crapo Fund Trustees

Donald E. Jesseman, 1978

Harold W. Smith

(Deceased)

Mitchell Vincent, 1982





TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meetinghouse, Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, Tuesday the fourteenth day of March, 1978 A.D. at 7:30 PM to act on the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose a Town Clerk, a Moderator for a term of two years, a Selectman for a term of three years, a Town Treasurer, a Collector of Taxes, an Auditor, an Overseer of Public Welfare, a Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years, a Library Trustee for a term of three years, a Member of the Board of Adjustment for a term of five years and three persons for a term of one year each to act as an Appointing Authority to appoint temporary members to the Board of Adjustment in case of disqualification, resignation, death or absence of any permanent member or members, a Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of three years, and a Trustee of the Carolina Crapo Trust Fund for a term of six years, and a Trustee of the Carolina Crapo Trust Fund for a term of two years, and to bring in your ballots for expanded exemptions on real estate for the elderly.

Article 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$9000 (nine thousand dollars) for the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund, the sum of \$8000 (eight thousand dollars) for the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund and the sum of \$3000 (three thousand dollars) for the Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5600 (five thousand six hundred dollars) for the purchase of a Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 (forty thousand dollars) for the purchase of a Front-End Loader, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to withdraw \$6500 (six thousand five hundred dollars) from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 as amended by the Second Session of the 94th Congress, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$5000 (five thousand dollars) from the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund and to apply an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars) from surplus funds and to authorize the Select-

men to borrow on the credit of the Town the balance of the sum of money so raised and appropriated for this purpose, and to authorize the issue of serial notes or bonds of the Town under and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act or any other enabling authority, delegating to the Board of Selectmen the discretion of fixing the date, maturities, denominations, the interest rate, or discount rate in the case of notes, the place of payment, the form and other details of said bonds or notes and of providing for the sale thereof and to see if the Town will vote to accept any State and/or Federal monies available toward the purchase of same.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 (two thousand dollars) for the purchase of a Brush Chipping Machine and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 (five thousand dollars) and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund to apply against the cost of the Fire Truck approved under Article 4 of the 1977 Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1000 (one thousand dollars) and to authorize the withdrawal of that sum from the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund for the purchase of equipment.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of \$1374 (one thousand three hundred seventy four dollars) of Federal Anti-Recession Funds to offset salaries of Town Employees or to be used otherwise as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the removal of all present street lights in Sugar Hill and to replace lights only on all major intersections along New Hampshire Highways 117 and 18 within the Town limits and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 (two thousand dollars) for that purpose.

Article 10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses	6,400.00
Election and Registration Expenses	500.00
Town Hall and Other Town Buildings Expenses	6,500.00
Employees' Retirement and Social Security	2,400.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Fire Department	10,600.00
Insurance, including Blue Cross, Blue Shield	8,500.00

Planning and Zoning	1,578.00
Damages and Legal Expenses	250.00
Civil Defense	50.00
Health Department, including Hospital	2,130.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Solid Waste Transfer Station	10,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer	22,409.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter	10,000.00
Street Lighting	
General Expenses of the Highway Department	7,500.00
Town Road Aid	541.15
Library	2,500.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00
Memorial Day and Town Anniversary Day	50.00
Franconia/Sugar Hill/Easton Recreation Program	1,602.25
Cemeteries	1,500.00
Conservation Committee	500.00
Franconia/Sugar Hill/Easton Chamber of Commerce	2,550.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,000.00
Interest on Long Term Loans	3,087.50
Principal on Long Term Loans	2,500.00
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Total	\$127,612.90

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000 (two thousand dollars) for the purchase of approximately two acres from the Estate of Harold Smith for the use of the Richardson Memorial Library.

Article 12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as a donation to the White Mountain Region Association.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, contract for, and accept aid from the government of the United States and the government of New Hampshire and to authorize the Selectmen to spend such funds.

Article 14. (Entered By Petition) "That the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire will vote to budget \$250 to the Children's Workshop, a non-profit day care, nursery school, and after school program, for the fiscal year 1978 - 1979." (follow nine signatures).

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to direct a discount of one percent (1%) to be made to those persons or corporations who shall pay taxes within a period of time three weeks from the date of the tax bill.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint such committees as seem necessary and to have such committees report to the Board of Selectmen by October 1, 1978.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to offer for sale and to sell such articles of Town property as vehicles and equipment, when the Selectmen determine such action to be in the interest of the Town.

Article 19. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this thirteenth day of February, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

Roger H. Aldrich
Donald E. Jesseman
Bradford H. Whipple

Selectmen of the Town of
Sugar Hill, New Hampshire



The house on the right foreground was the Baptist Parsonage, home of Rev. Nickerson who was photographer of all the pictures in this report.

FROM THE SELECTMEN'S POINT OF VIEW

The DUMP is dead! Long live the transfer station! With your approval of our plans at the last annual meeting we proceeded and by July 1 we closed our old dump and opened the new transfer station in Franconia. The transition went very smoothly with a minimum of trouble and a small amount of grumbling. The old dump was buried, the smoke and the rats disappeared and the dump pickers folded their tents and silently went away. We don't plan to put up any monument or grave marker. We have been very pleased with the new operation which has had reasonably few flaws and has actually been less expensive than we originally estimated. We are proud of the excellent spirit of cooperation between the three towns involved.

Elsewhere in this issue you will find a very good report by the Fire Chief of the activities of the Fire Department during the past year. We would like to add a few comments to the subject. Over a period of several years there has been a substantial loss of membership in the fire department through attrition. We don't think there is any particular cause for this, older members with long service have dropped out through weariness, younger members have decided that it just wasn't their thing, and a few have quit because of the increased demands upon their time due to the very necessary constant training. During the past year the department started training five new volunteers, including two females, as the Chief mentions in his report.

To be quite blunt about it, we have been very disappointed in the "let George do it" attitude of most of our citizens toward fire department participation. We do not understand such apathy or apparent lack of consideration for one's neighbor. One of our newer members said that, although he was not wildly enthusiastic about being a volunteer firefighter, he felt he was "paying his dues" to the community. We wish more people would consider paying dues. As with any business, the only alternative to "people" is automation. This is the direction we are urging the fire department to take, for though it is expensive, it is the only way that the dedicated few can make up for the absence of the uninterested majority.

The Crane Hill Road issue, which we envisioned as a very minor matter, was blown up out of all proportion to its worth and turned into a major fiasco. We must accept a major share of the blame as we acted on the opinion of an attorney who was not an expert on the subject, and consequently we went into last year's meeting with an unnecessary and erroneous article which led to a great deal of confusion and emotionalism. At this point, we feel that the less said about the subject the better. We apologize.

On the brighter side, we would like to point to the fact that our prediction of a slightly lower tax rate was justified.

We were saddened by the death in 1977 of our former Town Treasurer, Harold Smith. Harold was a good and faithful servant to Sugar Hill for many years. Few are willing today to devote the time to community affairs that Harold did. He was a fine gentleman and we miss him.

Our proposed capital expenditures are quite large this year but we feel they are necessary. Our present tractor-loader must be replaced and we think we should have the increased capacity of a larger one. The brush chipper we are proposing to purchase is our alternative to open burning which may no longer be done at roadside. The purchase of additional land for the library, which is possible at this time, is necessary for future operation of the library and the opportunity may not come to us again.

We don't think we have anything in the warrant of a very controversial nature and the proposed budget is up only slightly, but then, we didn't think so last year either, so do not fail to come to the Meeting on March 14 and see what happens.

We would like to leave you with this thought, "There is no such thing as a free lunch".



May 30, 1893. Morning after the big fire.

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL,

Estimate of the Revenue for the Year 1978 Compared with
Actual Revenue for the Year 1977

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 1977	Actual 1977	Estimated 1978
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 40,134.32	\$ 37,541.64
Savings Bank Tax	500.00	808.92	800.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,800.00	2,996.89	3,000.00
Highway Subsidy	6,718.76	6,718.76	10,664.12
Reimbursement a/c			
M. V. Road Toll		779.95	700.00
Reimbursement a/c			
Business Profits Tax	1,132.00	3,570.28	1,189.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	150.00	242.40	240.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10.00	34.00	20.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	11,000.00	12,178.00	12,000.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	1,000.00	2,214.13	1,500.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	33,200.00	12,079.00	*41,800.00
National Bank Stock Taxes	100.00	130.20	100.00
Resident Taxes Retained	2,800.00	2,600.00	2,500.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	150.00	1,780.44	2,000.00
Rent of Town Property	50.00	60.00	50.00
Sale of Town Property	100.00	10.00	-0-
Income from Departments		5,112.21	1,000.00
Refunds	-0-	1,570.85	-0-
Bond & Note Issues	17,000.00	-0-	**25,500.00
Surplus	10,000.00		***25,000.00

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NEW HAMPSHIRE FOR THE YEAR 1978

Estimate of Expenditures for the Year 1978 Compared with
Actual Expenditures for the Year 1977

PURPOSE OF EXPENDITURES	Approp. 1977	Actual 1977	Estimated 1978
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses	^a 5,450.00	^{a*} 5,401.09	^a 6,400.00
Election & Registration Expenses	350.00	92.05	500.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	5,000.00	5,306.17	6,500.00
Employees' Ret. & Soc. Sec.	2,000.00	2,120.38	2,400.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	15,000.00	15,471.72	15,000.00
Fire Department	11,550.00	13,680.47	10,600.00
Insurance	7,500.00	7,864.24	8,500.00
Planning & Zoning	900.00	869.50	^b 1,578.00
Damages & Legal Expense	250.00	85.13	250.00
Civil Defense	50.00		50.00
Health Department:			
Health, includes Hospitals	2,263.00	2,263.00	^c 2,130.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	7.00	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	^d 11,666.30	6,741.25	10,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance - Summer & Winter	^b 29,000.00	31,270.00	^d 32,409.00
Street Lighting	4,300.00	4,324.32	2,000.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	7,000.00	10,130.52	7,500.00
Town Road Aid	531.72	1,026.71	541.15
Libraries:	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000.00	294.00	1,000.00
Old Age Assistance	2,000.00	601.69	2,000.00
Patriotic Purposes:	50.00	23.60	50.00
Recreation:	1,700.00	1,700.00	1,602.25

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REVENUE continued from page 10

Federal Sources:			
Anti-Recession			**** 1,374.00
Revenue Sharing	11,000.00		17,500.00
Highway Safety		2,000.00	
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Property Taxes	\$133,710.76	\$ 92,020.35	\$184,478.76
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES			<u>75,004.14</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			\$259,482.90



Sunset Hill House transportation in pre-auto days.

EXPENDITURES continued from page 11

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	1, 500.00	150.00	1, 500.00
Conservation Committee	500.00	70.00	500.00
Adv. & Regional Assoc.	^c 1, 894.85	1, 894.85	^e 2, 820.00

Debt Service:

Principal & Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	2, 500.00	2, 500.00	2, 500.00
Interest - Long Term			
Notes & Bonds	3, 313.50	3, 212.50	3, 087.50
Interest on Temporary Loans	2, 500.00	1, 660.27	2, 500.00

Capital Outlay:

Police Department, equipment	1, 000.00	1, 000.00	-0-
Police Department, cruiser			5, 600.00
Highway Department, truck	11, 200.00	11, 079.00	-0-
Highway Department, brush chipper			2, 000.00
Highway Department, loader			40, 000.00
Fire Department, truck	59, 000.00		59, 000.00
Fire Department, equipment			1, 000.00
Library, land			2, 000.00
Town Tax Map	3, 000.00	3, 000.00	-0-
Crane Hill Bridge	7, 385.10	6, 586.76	
Fire Station	1, 990.75	1, 936.75	

Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire Department	7, 000.00	7, 000.00	9, 000.00
Highway Department	6, 500.00	6, 500.00	8, 000.00
Police Department	<u>2, 500.00</u>	<u>2, 500.00</u>	<u>3, 000.00</u>

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$225, 709.31	\$164, 813.67	\$259, 482.90
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BUDGET FOOTNOTES 1978

APPROPRIATIONS

(a) Increase			
Secretary to Selectmen	\$	900.00	
Appraisal		<u>100.00</u>	
Total Increase			\$ 1,000.00
Last Year			<u>5,450.00</u>
			\$ 6,450.00
 (b) Zoning & Planning Board	\$	1,000.00	
Board of Adjustment		50.00	
North Country Council		<u>528.00</u>	
			\$1,578.00
 (c) Littleton Hospital	\$	1,000.00	
White Mountain Community Services		565.00	
North Country Home Health Agency		<u>565.00</u>	
			\$ 2,130.00
 (d) Winter	\$10,000.00		
Summer		<u>22,409.00</u>	
			\$32,409.00
 (e) Franconia/Sugar Hill/Easton C. of C.	\$	2,550.00	
White Mountain Region Association		<u>270.00</u>	
			\$ 2,820.00

ESTIMATED REVENUE

* Fire Truck	\$21,000.00	
Fire Truck	5,000.00	
Fire Department Equipment	1,000.00	
Highway Loader	5,000.00	
Cruiser	5,600.00	
Chipper	2,000.00	
Due from 1977	<u>2,200.00</u>	
		\$41,800.00
 ** Fire Truck	\$12,000.00	
Loader	<u>13,500.00</u>	
		\$25,500.00
 *** Loader	\$15,000.00	
Fire Truck	<u>10,000.00</u>	
		\$25,000.00
 **** Fire Truck	\$11,000.00	
Loader	<u>6,500.00</u>	
		\$17,500.00

BUDGET FOOTNOTES 1977

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Appropriated	Spent
(a) Town Officers' Expenses	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,751.09
Appraisal	<u>650.00</u>	<u>650.00</u>
	\$ 5,450.00	\$ 5,401.09
(b) Summer Maintenance	\$19,500.00	\$20,160.89
Winter Maintenance	<u>9,500.00</u>	<u>11,109.81</u>
	\$29,000.00	\$31,270.70
(c) White Mountain Region Assoc.		\$ 270.00
Franconia/ Sugar Hill/Easton C. of C.		<u>1,624.85</u>
		\$ 1,894.85
(d) Town Dump	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,074.95
Special Appropriation	<u>2,666.30</u>	<u>2,666.30</u>
	\$11,666.30	\$ 6,741.25



The Meetinghouse, as it was in the beginning.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Forwarded From 1976	Appropriations
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 3,950.00
Town Officers' Expenses		4,800.00
Election and Registration		350.00
Expenses of Town Buildings		5,000.00
Reappraisal of Property		650.00
Police Department		15,000.00
Fire Department		11,550.00
Care of Trees		
Insurance		7,500.00
Civil Defense		50.00
Health Dept. & Hospitals		2,263.00
Vital Statistics		15.00
Town Refuge Disposal	2,666.30	9,000.00
Town Road Maintenance - Summer		19,500.00
Town Road Maintenance - Winter		9,500.00
Town Road Aid		531.72
Street Lighting		4,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		7,000.00
Library		2,500.00
Old Age Assistance		2,000.00
Town Poor		1,000.00
Memorial Day		50.00
Conservation Commission		500.00
Recreation Program		1,700.00
Cemeteries		1,500.00
Planning & Zoning		900.00
Damages & Legal Expenses		250.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1,894.85
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds		4,801.99
Social Security & Retirement		2,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans		2,500.00
Interest on Long Term Notes & Bonds		3,313.50
Principal Payments, Long Term Notes		2,500.00
Capital Reserve Funds	40,581.65	16,000.00
Town Tax Map		3,000.00
Highway Dept. Equipment (Truck)		* 11,200.00
Fire Station	1,990.75	
U.S Revenue	5,182.85	
Crane Hill Road Bridge	4,385.19	3,000.00
County Tax	28,207.78	26,802.18
Police Dept. Equipment		* 1,000.00
Fire Dept. Equipment (Truck)		59,000.00
School Districts	59,493.69	121,354.48
	\$142,508.21	\$357,526.72

*Withdrawn from Capital Reserve not included in total.

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Receipts	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdrafts	Carried to 1978 Liabilities
\$	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$	\$	\$
	4,800.00	4,751.09	48.91		
	350.00	92.05	257.95		
359.08	5,359.08	5,306.17	52.91		
	650.00	650.00			
30.00	15,030.00	15,471.72		441.72	
2,025.00	13,575.00	13,680.87		105.87	
	7,500.00	7,864.24		364.24	
	50.00		50.00		
	2,263.00	2,263.00			
	15.00	7.00	8.00		
	11,666.30	6,741.25	4,925.05		
2,057.21	21,557.21	20,160.89	1,396.32		
	9,500.00	11,109.81		1,609.81	
	531.72	531.72			
	4,300.00	4,324.32		24.32	
3,000.00	10,000.00	10,130.52		130.52	
	2,500.00	2,500.00			
	2,000.00	601.69	1,398.31		
	1,000.00	294.00	706.00		
	50.00	23.60	26.40		
	500.00		500.00		
	1,700.00	1,700.00			
	1,500.00	150.00	1,350.00		
	900.00	869.50	30.50		
	250.00	85.13	164.87		
	1,894.85	1,894.85			
1,282.22	6,084.21	1,738.10	4,346.11		
	2,000.00	2,263.66		263.66	
1,617.37	4,117.37	1,660.27	2,457.10		
	3,313.50	3,212.50	101.00		
	2,500.00	2,500.00			
2,398.81	58,980.46	9,879.00			49,101.46
	3,000.00	3,000.00			
	*11,200.00	*11,079.00			
	1,990.75	1,936.75	54.00		
7,393.55	12,576.40				12,576.40
	7,385.19	6,586.76	798.43		
	55,009.96	55,009.96			
	* 1,000.00	* 1,000.00			
	59,000.00				59,000.00
	180,848.17	126,855.69	359.66		53,632.82
\$20,163.24	\$520,198.17	\$329,796.11	\$19,031.52	\$2,940.14	\$174,310.68
			-2,940.14		
		Net Unexpended --	\$16,091.38		

Town of Sugar Hill

BALANCE

ASSETS

Cash in Hands of Treasurer		\$ 88,666.83
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 25,854.63	
Highway Department Equipment	14,166.07	
Police Department Equipment	<u>9,080.76</u>	49,101.46
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 1976	192.63	
Levy of 1975	105.91	
Levy of 1974	<u>101.74</u>	400.28
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1977 (including Resident Taxes)	12,039.25	
Levy of 1976	27.91	
Levy of 1975	11.30	
Previous Years	<u>5.95</u>	<u>12,084.41</u>
		\$150,252.98

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Unexpended Balances of Special Appropriations	
Fire Truck	\$ 10,000.00
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	12,576.40
Yield Tax Deposits	1,583.40
School Districts Taxes Payable	53,632.82
Other Liabilities:	
Unexpended Anti-Recession Funds	<u>1,164.00</u>
Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$ 78,956.72
Capital Reserve Funds:	<u>49,101.46</u>
Total Liabilities	\$128,058.08
Current Surplus (Excess of assets over liabilities)	<u>22,194.90</u>
Grand Total	\$150,252.98

RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

FIRE STATION BONDS

Outstanding Long Term Debt-December 31, 1976	\$ 64,250.00
Debt Retirement During Fiscal Year:	
Long Term Notes Paid	<u>2,500.00</u>
Outstanding Long Term Debt-December 31, 1977	61,750.00



SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 70,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	8,000.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	20,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Police Department, Equipment	4,500.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	72,000.00
Equipment	35,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000.00
Equipment	45,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	3,000.00
Former Dump Site	1,000.00
Cemeteries	11,000.00
Village Green Building	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$297,500.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have examined the accounts of the town clerk, town tax collector, town treasurer, town selectmen, trustees of the trust funds and library trustees and find them correct and properly vouched.

Edward G. Pinkerton

Town Auditor

February 10, 1978



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the voters of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report of the financial doings of my office for the year 1977.

Auto Tax Permit Applications issued during 1977	\$ 12,178.00
Dog Licenses sold for 1977	242.40
Check Penalty	<u>5.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 12,425.40

The sum of the total receipts was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Aldrich
Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Assessed Land Value	\$ 3,649,160.00
Buildings	6,382,661.00
Public Utilities - Electric	<u>260,700.00</u>
Total valuation before exemptions	\$10,292,521.00
Elderly Exemptions (6)	<u>27,500.00</u>
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed	\$10,265,021.00
1977 Valuation	\$ 10,265,021.00
1976 Valuation	<u>10,076,978.00</u>
Increase	\$ 188,043.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$213,667.07
Total Revenues & Credits	<u>138,498.76</u>
Net Town Appropriations	\$ 75,168.31
Net School Appropriations	
(Lafayette \$71,939.41; Profile \$49,415.07)	121,354.48
County Tax Assessment	<u>26,802.18</u>
Total Assessments	\$223,324.97
Deduct: Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	3,570.00
Add: War Service Tax Credits	2,300.00
Add: Overlay	<u>4,801.99</u>
Net Property Tax to be Raised	\$226,856.96

1977 TAX RATES:

Town	\$.78
County	.26
School	<u>1.17</u>
	\$2.21 per \$100

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1977

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	\$ 224,876.07	
Resident Taxes	2,630.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	<u>130.20</u>	
Total Warrants		\$ 227,636.27
Yield Taxes		1,780.44
Added Taxes:		
Property Taxes	\$ 138.13	
Resident Taxes	<u>180.00</u>	318.13
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes		3.96
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes		11.00
Check Penalty		<u>5.00</u>
Total Debits		\$ 229,754.80

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$ 211,300.45	
Resident Taxes	2,600.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	130.20	
Yield Taxes	1,780.44	
Interest Collected	3.96	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	11.00	
Check Penalty	<u>5.00</u>	\$ 215,831.05
Discounts Allowed		1,832.57
Abatements Made During Year		
Property Taxes		51.93
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:		
(As per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	\$ 11,829.25	
Resident Taxes	<u>210.00</u>	<u>12,039.25</u>
Total Credits		\$ 229,754.80

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1976

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,399.97	
Resident Taxes	190.00	
Yield Taxes	<u>74.48</u>	\$ 11,664.45

Added Taxes:

Yield Taxes	11.40
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Land Use Change Taxes	602.76
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Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	460.35
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Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes	<u>16.00</u>
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Total Debits	\$ 12,754.96
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CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 1977:

Property Taxes	\$ 11,382.85	
Resident Taxes	160.00	
Yield Taxes	85.88	
Land Use Change Taxes	602.76	
Interest Collected During Year	406.35	
Penalties on Resident Taxes	<u>16.00</u>	\$ 12,707.84

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 9.21	
Resident Taxes	<u>10.00</u>	19.21

Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:

(As per Collector's List)

Property Taxes	\$ 7.91	
Resident Taxes	<u>20.00</u>	<u>27.91</u>

Total Credits	\$ 12,754.96
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1975

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:	
Property Taxes	\$ 11.30
Interest Collected on Delinquent Property Taxes	<u>12.26</u>
Total Debits	\$ 23.56

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977:	
Interest Collected During Year	\$ 12.26
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:	
Property Taxes	<u>11.30</u>
Total Credits	\$ 23.56

SUMMARY OF WARRANT

Property, Resident and Yield Taxes - Levy of 1972

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - As of January 1, 1977:	
Property Taxes	<u>\$ 5.95</u>
Total Debits	\$ 5.95

SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DEBITS

	Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:		
	1976	1975	1974
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes January 1, 1977	\$	\$ 464.18	\$ 101.74
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	1,955.96		
Interest Collected After Sale	9.22	37.05	
Redemption Costs	8.10	11.78	
Total Debits	\$ 1,973.28	\$ 513.01	\$ 101.74

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer During Year:	1976	1975	1974
Redemptions	\$ 1,763.33	\$ 358.27	\$
Interest & Costs after Sale	17.32	48.83	
Unredeemed Taxes - December 31, 1977	192.63	105.91	101.74
Total Credits	\$ 1,973.28	\$ 513.01	\$ 101.74

YIELD TAX SECURITY DEPOSITS RECEIVED DURING 1977

August 1, 1977	Orrison Smith, A. Wade Perry Lot	\$ 48.87
August 8, 1977	Schoff Lumber, Farrell Lot	130.50
October 11, 1977	William Briggs, Briggs Lot	225.60
October 17, 1977	Paul Hayward, Homestead Lot	19.80
October 24, 1977	Albert Aldrich, Pescosolido Lot	36.00
October 31, 1977	Milan Miller, Pescosolido Lot	30.00
October 31, 1977	Douglas Brooks, Pescosolido Lot	60.00
November 14, 1977	Reginald Johnson, May Lot	1,020.00
November 14, 1977	Philip Struhsacker, Struhsacker Lot	72.00
November 14, 1977	Earle Eldridge, Hannah Lot	36.00
November 28, 1977	Robert Tillinghast, May Lot	24.00
December 31, 1977	Norman Hamel, Holbrook Lot	96.00



Charcoaling below site of the present day Iris Farm. Franconia Inn is on the ridge (right center). Coaling was the prime reason for all the open land in old photos.

1977 TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1977	\$	48,508.71	
Savings account - Lafayette National Bank		57,542.00	
Certificates of Deposit for Revenue Sharing- Lafayette National Bank		1,863.00	
		<u>1,496.00</u>	\$109,409.71
Edith M. Aldrich, Tax Collector	\$	230,738.90	
Edith M. Aldrich, Town Clerk		12,425.40	
State of New Hampshire		56,172.71	
Peoples National Bank (temporary loan)		75,000.00	
Interest on regular savings account		1,617.37	
Pistol Permits		4.00	
Subdivision Fees		30.00	
Highway Department Revenue		5,057.21	
Fire Department Revenue		2,025.00	
Police Department Revenue		30.00	
Rental of town meeting house		60.00	
Yield Tax Security Deposits		1,798.77	
Refunds		1,624.39	
Sale of town property		10.00	
U.S. Government Revenue Sharing		6,919.00	
Interest on revenue sharing bank certificates		163.48	
Sunnyside Cemetery Association - Social Security		1.57	
Richardson Memorial Library - Social Security		40.79	
Insurance Adjustments Revenue		48.50	
Antirecession Assistance		1,164.00	
Withdrawals from Capitol Reserve Funds		<u>9,879.00</u>	\$404,810.09
Total Available			\$514,219.80

PAYMENTS

Orders of Selectmen:

Payment of Accounts	\$425,552.97	\$425,552.97
To Purchase Bank Cert. for Rev. Sharing	1,879.00	
To Deposit to Rev. Sharing Savings Acct.- Lafayette National Bank	12,576.40	
To Deposit Regular Savings Account- Lafayette National Bank	100,000.00	
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	\$540,008.37	

In Treasurer Account:

Cash on Hand, December 31, 1977	\$ 21,090.43	
Regular Savings Account - Lafayette Nat. Bank	55,000.00	
Revenue Sharing Savings Account - Lafayette National Bank	<u>12,576.40</u>	<u>\$ 88,666.83</u>
		\$514,219.80

Respectfully submitted,

Lissa M. Boissonneault
Town Treasurer

Town of Sugar Hill

RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year 1977	\$211,300.45
Resident Taxes, Current Year 1977	2,600.00
National Bank Stock Taxes, 1977	130.20
Yield Taxes, Current Year 1977	<u>1,780.44</u>

Total Current Year's Taxes Remitted \$215,811.09

Property & Yield Taxes, Previous Years	12,071.49
Resident Taxes, Previous Years	160.00
Check Penalty	5.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	476.57
Penalties on Resident Taxes	27.00
Tax Sales Redeemed	2,187.75

From State:

For Town Road Aid	1,163.59
Highway Subsidy	6,718.76
Interest and Dividends Tax	40,134.32
Savings Bank Tax	808.92
Reimbursement Account, Motor Vehicle Road Toll	779.95
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,996.89
Reimbursement Account, Business Profits Tax	3,570.28
Fire Department & Highway Safety	2,000.00

From Local Sources , Except Taxes:

Dog Licenses	242.40
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	34.00
Check Penalty	5.00
Rent of Town Property	60.00
Interest received on Deposits	1,617.37
Income from Departments	5,112.21
Motor Vehicle Permits	<u>12,178.00</u>

Total Current Revenue Receipts \$308,160.59

RECEIPTS continue

PAYMENTS

December 31, 1977

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 3,950.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	4,751.09	
Election & Registration Expenses	92.05	
Expenses Town Hall & other Town Bldgs.	5,306.17	
Reappraisal of Property	<u>650.00</u>	14,749.31

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department	15,471.72	
Fire Dept., including Forest Fires	13,680.87	
Planning and Zoning	869.50	
Insurance	7,864.24	
Conservation Commission	<u>70.00</u>	37,956.33

Health:

Health Dept., inc. hospitals & ambulance	2,263.00	
Vital Statistics	7.00	
Town Dumps & Garbage Removal	<u>6,741.25</u>	9,011.25

Highways and Bridges:

Town Road Aid	1,026.71	
Town Maintenance -		
Summer - \$20,160.89		
Winter - <u>11,109.81</u>	31,270.70	
Street Lighting	4,324.32	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	<u>10,130.52</u>	46,752.25

Libraries:

2,500.00

Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	601.69	
Town Poor	<u>294.00</u>	895.69

Patriotic Purposes:

23.60

Recreation :

1,700.00

Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries	<u>150.00</u>	150.00
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PAYMENTS continue

RECEIPTS continued

Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00
Insurance Adjustments	48.50
Refunds	1,666.75
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	9,879.00
Sale of Town Property	10.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,798.77
Grants from U. S. A.	
Revenue Sharing	6,919.00
Int. on Inv. of Revenue Sharing Funds	163.48
Anti-Recession	<u>1,164.00</u>

Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue \$ 96,649.50

Total Receipts from all Sources 404,810.09

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1977 109,409.71

Grand Total \$514,219.80



The Band Stand in the park. Foundation can still be seen in the woods above the fire station. The house in the background was the Baptist Parsonage, presently Minor's.

PAYMENTS continued

Unclassified:

Damages & Legal Expenses	85.13	
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,894.85	
Taxes bought by Town	1,955.96	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	1,738.10	
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	<u>2,263.66</u>	<u>7,937.70</u>

Total Current Maintenance Expenses		\$121,676.13
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Debt Service:

Paid on Tax Anticipation Notes	1,660.27	
Paid on Bonded Debt	<u>3,212.50</u>	

Total Interest Payments		\$ 4,872.77
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Principal of Debt:

Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	75,000.00	
Payments on Bonded Debt	<u>2,500.00</u>	

Total Principal Payments		\$ 77,500.00
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Capital Outlay:

Highways & Bridges, State Aid Constr.	6,586.76	
Lands & Buildings, Fire Station	1,936.75	
New Equipment -		
Highway - \$11,079.00		
Police <u>1,000.00</u>	12,079.00	
Payments to Capital Reserve Fund	16,000.00	
Tax Maps	<u>3,000.00</u>	

Total Outlay Payments		\$ 39,602.51
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

State Account, Bond & Debt Ret. Taxes	35.91	
Taxes Paid to County	55,009.96	
Payments to School Districts -		
1976 Tax - \$59,493.69		
1977 Tax - <u>67,362.00</u>	<u>126,855.69</u>	

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		\$181,901.56
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Total Payments for all Purposes		425,552.97
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1977		<u>88,666.83</u>
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Grand Total		\$514,219.80
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Roger Aldrich, Selectman Chairman	\$ 500.00
Donald Jesseman, Selectman	450.00
Bradford Whipple, Selectman	450.00
Lissa Boissonneault, Town Treasurer	450.00
Mary E. Peckett, Overseer of Public Welfare	150.00
Robert Whitney Jr., Moderator	100.00
Edward G. Pinkerton, Auditor	50.00
Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk	800.00
Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	<u>1,000.00</u>
	\$ 3,950.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N.H. Municipal Association, dues	\$ 200.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Association, dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collectors Association, dues	10.00
N.H. Association of Assessing Officials, dues	10.00
N.H. Association of Conservation Commission, dues	25.00
Lissa Boissonneault, postage	69.03
N.H.T.C.A., workshop	5.00
Maynard G. White, appraisal	712.00
The Courier Printing Co.	204.25
Donald Jesseman, NHMA, convention, 2 trips to Concord	
1 trip to Lancaster, meal at Berlin	104.20
Bradford Whipple	12.30
Roger Aldrich, trip to Berlin	14.00
Lissa Boissonneault, Board of Adjustment Sec.	20.00
Sno-Engineering, copies	16.50
Equity Publishing Co., 1 set replacement volumes & vol.	
2 RSA	69.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	61.90
N.H. State Treasurer, OASI Fund	4.77
Littleton Office Supply	24.48
Charles A. Wood, Register of Deeds	36.02
Sarand Inc., supplies	38.11
Doctor Erb, cat	8.00
N.H. State Treasurer, boat forms	1.50
N.H. Municipal Association, 4 meals & workshop	34.00
Lafayette National Bank, checks	141.14
Branham Publishing Co., reference books	14.50
Franconia Insurance Co., Bonds	383.00
Douglas A. Grella Associates, mylar copy, Meetinghouse	10.00
Barbara J. Fortier, Register of Probate	.20
Lisbon Postmaster, postage	97.50

Edith Aldrich, Town Clerk & Tax Collector Conventions,	262.28
postage, supplies \$80.06, fees \$555.00, workshops \$14.30	649.36
Sec. to Selectmen	950.00
Harrison Publishing House, Town Reports	929.40
Bill, Letterheads, Envelopes	273.65
Douglas A. Grella Associates, Tax Map	<u>3,000.00</u>
	\$ 8,401.09

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

The Courier Printing Co., notices	\$ 25.80
Evans Printing Co., Voter registration cards	6.25
Dorothy MacEwan, Supervisor of the Check List	20.00
Edward Wessels, Supervisor of the Check List	20.00
Philip Robertson, Supervisor of the Check List	<u>20.00</u>
	\$ 92.05

TOWN HALL & OTHER TOWN BUILDINGS

Public Service Co. of N.H., electricity, town garage	\$ 43.41
Public Service Co. of N.H., electricity, Meeting House	694.06
New England Telephone	476.62
N.C. McCulloch, fuel, Meeting House, 2,422 gals.	1,074.63
Kelleys' Shop & Save, supplies	44.04
Franconia Hardware, supplies	229.64
Littleton Mini-Motors, mower parts	4.75
MacKenzie Auto Parts Inc., lawn mower parts	95.94
Sears Roebuck & Co., tractor parts	285.35
Franconia Hardware, window fan & cord	32.93
E.E. Bigelow, Light fixture & outlet, Town Clerks' office	75.18
Lissa Boissonneault, kitchen rug	3.88
H.A. Holt & Sons, flags	27.55
Ken's Key & Saw, repair, clean & adjust lock on front door	6.00
Littleton Upholstery Shop, tractor seat	18.25
Virgil Coffin, Custodian	100.00
Lissa Boissonneault, Custodian	300.00
Donald Boissonneault, Custodian	300.00
J.C. Plumbing & Heating, remove & replace blower, install new oil burner motor, furnace emergency switch, element water heater, water heater, faucet	640.77
Douglas A. Grella Associates, fieldwork	309.00
Tru Temper Inc., part for trimmer	13.00
Grayarc Co. Inc., floor mats	100.50
Donald Boissonneault, repair lawn mower supplies	160.00 .87
Bobs Exxon, lawn mower gas	17.60
Douglas Amsbary, repair rear door, replace board front entry, repair double entry doors in basement	98.70

Homer H. Hammond, tuning Steinway Piano	85.50
Ellingwood Trucking Co., moving Steinway Piano from Butternut to the Meeting House	68.00
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	\$ 5,306.17

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Gary G. Young, Salary	\$ 10,499.60
MacKenzie Auto Parts	191.37
Bobs Exxon	1.20
Sanel Auto Parts	50.62
Hall Cross, shocks, transmission repair, cruiser repair	547.05
Bradford Whipple, officer	73.50
John McDonald, radio antenna	68.00
Central Equipment, gun belt assembly	73.55
Abbott's Cycle Shop	9.95
Mack's Men's Shop	256.92
RH Factory Shoe Store	93.52
Doane Oil Co., oil	33.48
Dicks' House For Small Animals, stray dog	40.00
Sno Sports Inc., light bar, license plate bracket	14.35
Sno-Engineering, copies	6.40
Richard A. Sherburne Inc., 3000 rds. of reloaded .38 ammo.	112.02
Siren & speaker-bike & 4 S.W. guns	587.00
Hunt's Auto Center, engine work, wrecker	212.17
Gary G. Young, dog supplies \$14.02, 1976 Telephone Calls \$96.43, gas \$10.07, 1977 Telephone calls \$92.00, gas-cycle	212.52
Grayden Peckett, officer	28.00
Eric R. Anderson Jr., officer	222.50
Dick's Sunoco, snow tire service, inspect., tube, gas	34.43
State of N.H., radio repair	3.25
Wright Communications, radio repair	113.67
The Balsams, Convention	140.60
Franconia Hardware	56.15
Grafton County Sheriffs Dept., 4 tires	232.46
Motorola Inc., Motorcycle radio	1,475.00
Texaco, gasoline	1,082.44
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	\$ 16,471.72

INSURANCE

N.H. Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Share	1,176.24
Ferdinando Insurance Associates Inc.:	
Add $\frac{1}{4}$ t. Trailer, 1952, Add H.D. Cycle	136.00
Workmen's Comp., Employee Liab.	1,290.00
Workmen's Comp., Audit prem.	285.00
3rd Annual prem., endorsements	2,157.00

Auto Fleet renewal, endorsement to increase bodily injury	2,595.00	
Delete '73 Highway truck, add 1977 Chevy Highway truck	<u>225.00</u>	<u>6,688.00</u>
	\$	7,864.24

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MacKenzie Auto Parts	\$	708.69
Ben's Uniforms, Badges & Helmet/Insignia		119.36
Benoit Medical Supply Co.		1,616.72
Admiral, 30 min. air pak		632.61
Alretta Truck Parts Inc., clutch & parts		143.47
Public Service Co. of N.H.		437.38
National Fire Protection Assoc., fire command renewal		8.00
D & E Fire Extinguisher Service Inc., 2 hydrotest tanks		8.00
Evans, antenna		32.78
Royal Electric Co. Inc.		267.71
St. Johnsbury Trucking		12.15
Harrison Publishing House, silk screen negative		32.20
Wright Communications, plectron repairs		75.10
Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc., dues 20 men @ \$5.00		100.00
Hunts' Auto Center, inspections & grease		37.00
Clark Business Machines, badges		8.00
Central Equipment, battery charger		135.19
Motorola, radio	\$ 2,269.00	
	88.00	
	307.00	
	<u>1,980.00</u>	<u>4,644.00</u>
N.H. State Treasurer, 36 hard hats		47.70
Reed Supply Co., block \$11.97, Proto Brass Hammer \$11.41, Lug All \$66.87		90.25
Merriam-Graves Corp., asbestos gloves, oxygen tank		136.20
Texaco		24.00
Wetherbee Oil		964.18
New England Telephone		787.66
Sno-Engineering, copies		1.50
Franconia Hardware		77.91
Sanel, sawzall		126.00
Sanel		113.33
C. Wolcott, MD, exam		25.00
Lissa Boissonneault, supplies & postage		6.53
Bradford Whipple, record books \$7.60, Trip to Gorham \$13.20, Bradford Fire School \$10.00		30.80
Donald Boissonneault, EMTA Course \$15.00, 2-4 drawer files @ \$50.00, 3 bags rags \$6.00, Bradford Fire School \$15.20		136.20
Leo Dickinson, EMTA Course		15.00
Peter Robertson, EMTA Course		15.00

Harry Robertson, EMTA Course	15.00
Middlesex Fire Equipment, 12 4½ gaskets	22.51
Twin State Fire Training School, 1 @ \$5.00, 1 @ \$4.00	9.00
Blanchard Assoc., gaskets for hard suction	15.92
International Harvester Co., cap & hose	35.12
Littleton Office Supply	5.67
Eureka Hose Co #1	2.00
Robert J. Brady Co., texts & manual book, vehicle rescue operation	14.74
N.C. McCulloch	135.26
Harry T. Andross, clean nozzle head on burner	12.00
Whitcomb Electrician, outside light fixture	203.18
Prescott Lumber	12.40
Quint's Auto Body, sand blast & repaint trailer	100.00
Damus E. Champagne, remove & install 2 way radio equipment	101.50
Montgomery Ward, wet-dry vac/dolly/brush	57.65
Cyr Heating & Plumbing, electric eye	4.45
Franconia Garage	1.80
Foster & Co. Inc.	12.74
Sears Roebuck & Co., hydraulic jack, 2 tool boxes	32.51
Texaco, gasoline	140.80
Fire Department Payroll	<u>1,131.00</u>
	\$ 13,680.87

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

Aldrich, Albert	\$ 57.00
Aldrich, Harold	37.50
Aldrich, Roger	60.00
Boissonneault, Donald	74.00
Andrade, John	39.50
Dickinson, Leo	14.00
Hayward, Robert	23.00
Henault, Jeffrey	52.00
Jesseman, Donald	40.50
Kidder, Francis	30.50
McPhaul, David	7.50
Robertson, Peter, Chief	450.00
Robertson, Harry	37.50
Whipple, Bradford	94.00
Wutzdorff, Robert	28.50
Straw, Donald	44.50
Coffin, Virgil	20.00
Cooley, Durand	<u>21.00</u>
	\$ 1,131.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT INCLUDING HOSPITALS

North Country Home Health Agency Inc.	\$	698.00
Littleton Hospital		1,000.00
White Mountain Community Services		<u>565.00</u>
	\$	2,263.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Edith Aldrich	\$	7.00
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DUMP

North Country Council Inc., dump stickers	\$	70.25
Town of Franconia, transfer station		<u>4,004.70</u>
	\$	4,074.95

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - SUMMER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$	6,273.78
Wayne Mardin		4,082.00
Fred Hunt, setting culverts \$270.00, loader \$570.00, Backhoe \$48.00		888.00
Fred Hunt, gravel crushed		150.15
Metra Chem Corp., calciummte		732.23
Tetreault Salvage Corp. Inc., culverts		863.23
Campton Sand & Gravel, cold patch		336.38
Fred Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins		199.25
Mrs. Otto Gersom, 1498 yards gravel		299.60
Pike Industries Inc., sidewalk, Main Street		1,000.00
Reginald Johnson & Bros. Inc., air compressor		365.06
N.H. Bituminous		4,148.51
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.		<u>822.70</u>
	\$	20,160.89

TOWN ROAD MAINTENANCE - WINTER

Harold Aldrich, Agent	\$	4,415.97
Wayne Mardin		4,236.00
International Salt		627.80
Fred Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins, sand 1350 yards		337.50
Fred Hunt, dozer at pit		280.00
Metra Chem Corp., activate		1,200.54
David Hunt		<u>12.00</u>
	\$	11,109.81

TOWN ROAD AID

N.H. State Treasurer, approp.	\$	531.72
Harold Aldrich, Agent		222.74
Wayne Mardin		153.00
Edward Wessels		19.25
Fred Aldrich & Ruth Hutchins		100.00
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	\$	1,026.71

STREET LIGHTING

Public Service Co. of N.H., street lights	\$	4,324.32
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GENERAL EXPENSE OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Franconia Gas		52.00
Jordon-Milton Machinery Inc., 4 cutting edges		149.88
Maurice Nihan, chain saw parts		42.35
Hunts' Auto Center, welding loader		30.50
Bill Cook Enterprises, repair chloride tires		78.10
Sanel Auto Parts		432.14
Sno-Engineering		1.20
Dick's Sunoco, inspections		18.00
N.C. McCulloch		279.00
Texaco, gasoline		3,771.77
Texaco, 20 w 40, 55 gals. \$107.57, Lub. oil & fluid \$81.08		188.65
Oxygen Welding Supply Co., 5 year lease		170.00
MacKenzie Auto Parts		70.73
Curtis-Noll		117.38
Littleton Mini-Motors		8.20
McLarens		93.69
Stoddart Implement Co. Inc., tire tube		12.62
Jesseman's Garage, alternator, sealed beam		74.05
Franconia Hardware		90.85
Goss Tire Co.		46.96
Varney Smith		26.82
Woodsville Auto Supply, spring		13.96
H.O. Taylor, repair 2-speed, starter, replace booster, P.S. kit		316.19
B-B Chain Co.		87.25
Tetreault Salvage, culverts & bands		1,660.87
Ross Express		15.10
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, poly		54.60
Northeast Glass & Aluminum Inc.		19.50
Holmes Transportation		9.90
Berlin Spring Inc., springs		465.72
R.C. Hazelton Co. Inc., sander parts, pump-plow lift, hydo unit seal bearings, 4 blades		1,023.22

Wayne Mardin, tractor tire repair	2.00
Harold Adrich, tractor tire repair	\$ 2.00
Rice Tire Center, tires	607.17
N. C. McCulloch, 1 drum C310	<u>98.15</u>

\$ 10,130.52

LIBRARY

Richardson Memorial Library, approp.	\$ 2,500.00
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

N. H. State Treasurer	\$ 601.69
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TOWN POOR

Franconia Gas Corp., range	\$ 175.00
Berry's Wayside, used Philco refrig.	<u>119.00</u>
	\$ 294.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Lucky Clover 4-H, 40 flags	\$ 23.60
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RECREATION

Town of Franconia	\$ 1,700.00
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CEMETERIES

Herbert Hunt, care of Streeter Pond Cemetery	\$ 150.00
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ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Town of Franconia, Chamber appropriation	\$ 1,624.85
White Mountain Region Association	<u>270.00</u>
	\$ 1,894.85

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector	\$ 1,955.96
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DISCOUNTS, ABATEMENTS, REFUNDS

Mitchell Vincent, refund Bicentennial income 1976	\$ 296.58
Douglas Brooks, Yield Tax Deposit refund	6.72
Joseph Nelson, Auto permit refund	24.00

Paul Hayward, Yield Tax Deposit refund	76.02
Schoff Lumber Co., Yield Tax Deposit refund	<u>52.56</u>
	\$ 455.88

RETIREMENT & SOCIAL SECURITY

N.H. State Treasurer, Social Security, Town Share	\$ 1,629.77
N.H. State Retirement System, Police, Town Share	<u>633.89</u>
	\$ 2,263.66

INTEREST

Farmers' Home	\$ 3,212.50
Peoples National Bank	<u>1,660.27</u>
	\$ 4,872.77

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Lafayette National Bank	\$ 1,879.00
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REVENUE SHARING SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Lafayette National Bank	\$ 12,576.40
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Lafayette National Bank	\$ 100,000.00
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STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

N.H. State Treasurer, Bridge on Jesseman Road over Gale River	\$ 6,586.76
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LANDS, BUILDINGS, NEW EQUIPMENT

Jesseman's Garage, 1977 Chevy Highway Truck	\$ 9,879.00
Motorola, Highway Truck radios	<u>1,200.00</u>
	\$ 11,079.00

NEW FIRE STATION

Floradale, planting at new fire station	\$ 1,936.75
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SPECIAL DUMP

Bethlehem Mink Farm, 8 boxes rat bait	\$	160.00
Franconia Hardware, shells		2.70
Fred Hunt		255.00
Harold Aldrich, Care of Dump Closing		350.00
Sugar Hill Highway Department, fill and cover		<u>1,898.60</u>
	\$	2,666.30

TEMPORARY LOANS

Peoples National Bank	\$	75,000.00
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BONDS, NOTES, TERM NOTES, CAPITAL RESERVE

Farmers Home Administration	\$	2,500.00
Trustees of Trust Funds		
Fire Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	\$7,000.00	
Highway Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	6,500.00	
Police Dept. Equipment Reserve Fund	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
	\$	18,500.00

STATE & COUNTY

N.H. State Treasurer, Bond & Debt	\$	35.91
Grafton County, County Tax 1976		28,207.78
Grafton County, County Tax 1977		<u>26,802.18</u>
	\$	55,045.87

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Lafayette Regional School District	\$	72,912.41
Profile School District		<u>53,943.28</u>
	\$	126,855.69

YIELD TAX

Edith Aldrich, Tax Collector,		
Douglas Brooks	\$	77.28
Paul Hayward		16.98
Luther Crowe		425.04
Schoff Lumber Co.		641.04
Hayward, Struhsacker & Eldridge		<u>121.88</u>
	\$	1,282.22

DAMAGES & LEGAL EXPENSES

Robert Bowker, legal service	\$	85.13
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PLANNING & ZONING

The Courier Co., notices	\$	17.20
Littleton Office Supply, seal embosser		17.50
Gardner & Clawson, legal service		50.60
Charles A. Wood, register of Deeds		11.00
Sno-Engineering, photo copying & Secretarial Services		54.20
Margaret Connors, Secretary		80.00
North Country Council Inc., 1977 approp.		<u>639.00</u>
	\$	869.50

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Floradale, tree at museum	\$	<u>70.00</u>
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Total Payments 1977	\$	540,008.37
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Franconia Inn. Site was on Peckett's golf course.

U. S. GOVERNMENT REVENUE SHARING

Opened Savings Account, 2/11/77, for all Revenue Sharing Funds not used from previous years.

\$ 1,764.57

Revenue Sharing Certificates from 1976 on deposit,
cash and deposited to savings account in 1977

4/5/77 Prin.	1,863.00
Interest	50.04
5/16/77 Prin.	1,496.00
Interest	69.99

Funds received in 1977:

Revenue Sharing certificate deposited and cashed and redeposited in
Savings Account

Received 1/17/77	1,879.00
Redeposited 6/22/77 - with Interest	43.45
Received 4/19/77	1,663.00
Received 7/22/77	1,663.00
Received 10/12/77	1,714.00
Interest earned on above funds-Lafayette Nat. Bank	<u>370.35</u>

Total on deposit in Revenue Sharing Savings Acct. \$12,576.40

No Funds Expended in 1977

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, N. H. on December 31, 1977

Date of Creation	Purpose of Creation	PRINCIPAL			INCOME		
		Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance Ending Year	Percent	Earned During Year	Balance Ending Year
6/23/76	Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund	\$ 17,491.97	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 24,491.97	5-3/4	\$ 1,052.36	\$ 1,362.66
6/23/76	Highway Department Equipment Reserve Fund	16,276.65	6,500.00	22,776.65	5-3/4	979.27	1,268.42
				- 9,879.00			
			See Note	12,897.65			
<p>(Note: In order to maximize savings bank interest, Town Trust Funds have always been deposited in savings accounts subject to 90 days notice of withdrawal. On March 20, 1970 it became necessary to borrow \$15,000 for a short period for the partial payment of a new grader. On November 8, 1977 the Selectmen requested the prompt withdrawal of \$9879 for the purchase of a new truck. This amount was borrowed on November 9, 1977 on a 90 day note at 7%. Therefore the balance of assets of the Highway Department Fund at the year end should be reduced by \$9879 to \$12,897.65. Interest will be charged against interest earned. The Selectmen subsequently decided that having funds subject to 90 days notice of withdrawal is not satisfactory because they are frequently needed on short notice. Therefore on January 3, 1978 notice was given to the bank to change all accounts (except the Louise Leazott Trust) to regular savings accounts on April 3, 1978.)</p>							
6/23/76	Police Department Equipment Reserve Fund	6,106.91	2,500.00	8,606.91	5-3/4	367.18	473.85
		\$ 39,875.53	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 45,996.53		\$ 2,398.81	\$ 3,104.93

CAROLINA CRAPO FUND

All dividends received from Investment Income and Capital Gains during 1977 were used to purchase more shares in the two funds.

The valuation as of December 31, 1977 is as follows:

Eaton & Howard	@ 76.20	\$20,673.06
Fidelity Fund	@ 15.30	32,601.24
Total in Funds		\$53,274.30

Note: Prices per share at cost December 31, 1977

Lafayette National Bank	84.62
Littleton Savings Bank	687.87
	<u>84.62</u>

\$54,046.79

Carolina Crapo Fund Trustees,
Donald Jesseman
Mitchell Vincent

1978 FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED BUDGET

	Proposed 1978
Building Expenses:	
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
Heat	1,500.00
Lights	450.00
Telephone	800.00
Vehicle Expenses:	
Repairs	500.00
Gas	150.00
Oil	50.00
Inspection	50.00
Tools	100.00
Forestry:	700.00
Salaries:	1,500.00
Dues:	
Twin State	150.00
Training:	300.00
Communication Repairs:	400.00
Water Source:	400.00
Equipment Repair:	50.00
Office & Building Supplies:	50.00
New Equipment:	
Monitors (6)	2,000.00
Air Compressor (1)	600.00
Turn-out Gear	500.00
Miscellaneous:	<u>200.00</u>
Total	\$10,600.00



REPORT FROM THE SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

Again this year, the Sugar Hill Fire Department has been very busy... fortunately not in the actual fighting of fires, but in terms of time spent drilling and studying fire fighting and fire prevention techniques, as well as maintaining equipment and the building.

Night duty was again in operation during the winter months of 1977-78. Although few calls have actually come in during the night duty shift during these past three years, it should be a relief to all that someone is on duty on those cold and stormy nights should an emergency arise.

The new truck committee which had a busy year in 1976 saw an even busier year in 1977 when the time came to make final decisions as to the truck itself as well as the equipment it should carry. After looking at all of the possibilities, the committee decided upon a pumper with a 1000 G. P. M. pump as well as a 1000 gallon booster tank. The chassis is an International Harvester 2010 - A, with the remainder of the vehicle to be built by the Pierce Manufacturing Company in Appleton, Wisconsin. A tentative delivery date has been set for mid-to-late April with two members of the department now planning to travel out to Wisconsin to pick up the truck. The department is currently planning an open house to be held shortly after the new truck arrives.

As in the past, the members of the department are selling fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and other fire safety equipment. We strongly urge everyone to install smoke detectors. Contact any member for more information.

In other areas, the members have built a tower in the station for drying hose. Also, we have acquired at no cost a government surplus Jeep through the State of New Hampshire which we are in the process of re-building.

Over the course of the last year, the department has met twice each month (on the first and third Wednesday of the month). The first meeting consists of the regular monthly business meeting as well as a short drill. The second meeting is generally a much larger drill with our neighboring department in Franconia.

Finally, the department is pleased to announce that we now have two "lady" firemen. It's hoped that other interested people will join our ranks in the coming year. If you are interested, simply come to one of our monthly meetings or contact any member. As always, our meetings are open to the public.

Peter Robertson, Chief
Don Boissonneault, 1st Asst.
Jeff Henault, 2nd Asst.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN & DISTRICT CHIEF

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town/city responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town/city upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town/city and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of 1/4 of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 FOREST FIRE STATISTICS

State	1,091 fires - 2,386 acres burned
District	40 fires - 49.1 acres burned
Town	0 fire - 0 acres burned

73 permits for burning were issued for 1977 in Sugar Hill.

DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF
John Q. Ricard

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Bradford H. Whipple

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPORT

In Sugar Hill, the North Country Council assisted in closing the Town's open burning dump and in planning and establishing a tri-town solid waste transfer station. Furnished information on possible zoning ordinance amendments.

In 1977, North Country Council provided the following region-wide services:

Planning Services: NCC provides technical assistance to communities in a number of areas such as comprehensive planning, assistance with subdivision regulations, or reviewing development proposals. NCC is always available to meet with any local official, planning board or public body to assist with local planning matters and thirty-five towns have received some type of direct service from the Council.

Economic Development Grantmanship: NCC worked closely with the Economic Development Administration of the US Department of Commerce, the Farmers Home Administration, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and HUD to bring a greater amount of financial resources into the Region; this will assist municipalities, local development corporations, and other organizations implement locally developed projects and programs. NCC attempts to be aware of the many federal grant programs that would be relevant to needs of communities in the North Country.

Preparation of Development Plans: By working over time to complete components of the Development Plan (in accordance with RSA 36:45), the Council will be in a position to make specific recommendations on how the communities in the Region can develop and prepare for future growth. During 1977, much progress has been made in the areas of Land Use, Housing, and Economic Development.

Participation in National and State Policies: NCC responds to opportunities to present a North Country perspective before federal and state agencies. Examples include its presentation to the Regional Town Meeting on transportation sponsored by DOT Secretary Adams; meetings with the Regional representative of the Department of Energy on the potential of wood energy, its role in initiating legislation which permitted the construction of bi-state sewerage treatment plants, and its assistance in developing state legislation permitting town governments to develop and own industrial parks. NCC has also worked with the NH Department of Public Works and Highways to encourage the Department to make improvements to US 302 from Woodsville to Littleton. As a body representative of local government, NCC provides a local response to state initiatives on "208" Water Quality, Solid Waste, and Safe Drinking Water Standards.

Inquiries, Technical Assistance and Special Reports: NCC staff is always available to respond to the inquiries and requests of member municipalities. In the last year, the Council has published technical assistance reports on "Model Subdivision Regulations", "Woodsville Downtown Improvement Summary Report", "Energy Perspectives in the North Country", and the "North Country Housing Element."

Education and Training Programs: NCC again co-sponsored the six Municipal Law Lectures in the Fall and the second statewide Annual Meeting of Regional Planning Commission members. A special workshop for applicants of Round II of the Local Public Works Act was held in conjunction with EDA officials from Concord and Philadelphia. **Planning News**, the NCC Newsletter, and a legislative bulletin keep local officials and interested persons informed of planning and development activities.

In 1978, the Council will be available to work with the town and other appropriate groups to help implement some of the recommendations contained in the Plans. Ideas and suggestions on how the Council can be of greater assistance are appreciated. The Council was created by five towns in 1973 and continues to exist as a service agency to the towns. The Council greatly appreciates the support it receives from the towns, knowing that the support will enable it to provide continued service to the area in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Robertson
Bradford Whipple

NCC Representatives - Sugar Hill



CRANE HILL ROAD STUDY COMMITTEE

The Crane Hill Road Study Committee, investigating the need and projected cost of rebuilding the Crane Hill Road, surveyed the problems involved on several occasions between April 1st and October 15, 1977.

The road is presently impassable due to topography which causes severe soil erosion, numerous flood type water conditions and mud terrain which were in evidence even throughout the very hot spell between May 18th and 26th. Much of the first half of the road is below the field level on the river side and above the muck and swamp on the other. The upper half of the road begins on a gentle slope but quickly attains a 12° climbing grade that ends in a 19° grade, creating what could be a most difficult and dangerous driving condition, especially in wet weather.

The road was not used during the winter months or during inclement weather prior to its closing by a Town vote in 1963. It was seriously damaged by the flood of 1938 and proper maintenance and upkeep were never fully restored by the Town of Lisbon.

An inspection of the road condition with the State Engineer, Mr. Lyn Cushing, established that the rebuilding of the road into a class V road eligible for Town Road Aid could cost as much as \$50,000 if the Town did not charge against gravel, labor and equipment. Mr. Cushing recommended that the hill section, regardless of the type road eventually built, should be roughed out so that ultimately at least a twenty foot road with two shoulders (class V) could be built to insure adequate drainage.

Further studies by the committee point to the necessity for the following points to be taken into consideration:

1. The old road is located poorly and presents many possible hazards and dangers to those using it in the future.
2. Its usefulness will probably be limited to the six months of fair weather, i.e. May through October. Snow, ice and rain will adversely affect safe driving conditions.
3. The initial cost will not be the ultimate cost of trying to build a safe road.
4. According to State records, the old road is only 8 to 12 feet wide in some sections. This would, therefore, require condemnation of adjacent privately owned land in order to increase the width of the road to meet requirements for today's driving conditions.
5. The committee recognizes the excellent road building work that has been done by the Town Road Agent - namely on the South Road, the

Grandview Road and the Hadley Road. It stresses that these roads receive limited use - whereas the Crane Hill Road, connecting two ends of Sugar Hill and exiting on the State Highways, promises to carry much more traffic. This could easily project a demand for a paved road in the near future.

Therefore: it is the consensus of the four members of the committee that no consideration be given at the present time to improving or rebuilding the Crane Hill Road. A grade VI dirt road, resembling (a lumber or fire type access road), would presently serve little purpose and could be considered extremely dangerous under many conditions.

It further recommends that future plans for exits into Streeter Pond and Center District roads should include studying the possibilities of a new location to provide for a safe road with low maintenance costs. The road should avoid the present passage through swampy and wet terrain at the base of the hill; the steep grade at the top and the need for numerous culverts and possible water bars necessary for controlling water runoff.

The decision to reopen the road involves the expense of an ongoing program over the years to come. The road could perhaps be made passable in summer at a moderate cost, but once this is done and houses built along the road, further improvements will be required to make it accessible the year round and suitable for operation of the school bus.

It is felt that the Town presently does not need this road and that any benefit to be derived by the Town generally would not justify the cost involved. Maintenance funds now available would be better used in making improvements to some of the roads now in constant use.

Sel Hannah
Richard Peabody
Fred Thoma
Mitchell C. Vincent, Chairman

Crane Hill Road Study Committee
Sugar Hill, New Hampshire
(November 1, 1977)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

This past year, the program of cutting down dead trees in the town of Sugar Hill was continued. Two new maples were planted.

Coffin Pond has been enjoyed by old and young for fishing. The grass was mowed in the summer. Unfortunately the trash can has been stolen, and the Fish and Game Department has not replaced it.

The White Mountain Garden Club has again donated several hundred dollars to the Town of Sugar Hill, to be used for improvements in landscaping. The Conservation Commission has decided to improve the land around Creamery Pond. The Pond played an important part in the Town's past and it should be restored as closely as possible to its former appearance.

Respectfully submitted,
The Conservation Commission

Sandra Coffin
Edna Glaessel
Margaret Peckett

Aubrey Reid
Philip Robertson
Otto Smith-Johannsen



LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

During the year attendance at the library increased as did the circulation of books among adults and children. There were displays in the Reading Room on handicrafts, gardening, summer and winter sports, as well as Christmas books for all ages.

With the help of the Trustees, out-dated books and those that had not circulated for several years were weeded from the shelves and put on sale. This process is necessary to make room for new books as they are ordered. Books that have not circulated for some time but are still valuable are placed on shelves in the basement where they can be taken out by patrons who specifically request them.

In accordance with its policy of improving physical conditions at the library, a storm door and storm windows were added to cut down fuel costs. A faulty drain was repaired to prevent future flooding in the basement.

The children at the Carolina Crapo School have been coming to the library in the spring and fall to learn the functions of the library and to take out books. The librarian reads a story to each grade after books have been selected. The library has an attractive Children's Corner and it is hoped that more local children will take advantage of it in the future.

More patrons are requesting reference books which can be obtained from the State Library in Concord upon request to the librarian. The Bookmobile visited three times during the year and left many books for adults and children, a service which greatly benefits the budget of a small library such as ours. These books are loaned for four months at a time. Without this service, the library would not be able to properly serve its patrons.

The librarian continues to deliver books to shut-ins. Large print books are available from the State Library for those who have impaired eyesight.

The library is grateful to its friends who have given books, time and money in order to improve its work. The White Mountain Garden Club contributed money for books on gardening and gave a Christmas cactus plant which blossomed in time for the Holiday season. Books donated to the library have helped relieve the budget squeeze due to higher energy costs.

Appreciation is extended to the Trustees by the librarian for their support. The Town is fortunate to have Trustees who are vitally interested in seeing that progress is made by the library each year in furthering its goal. As always, the library welcomes suggestions from the public for improving the service it renders its patrons.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion L. Sullivan
Librarian



RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Balance January 1, 1977	\$. 57
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RECEIPTS

From Town	\$ 2,500.00	
Interest N. O. W. Account	22.49	
Fines - 1976 & 1977	12.20	
Sale Old Books	19.70	
Memorials	691.15	
Other Gifts	<u>110.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>3,355.54</u>
Total Money Available		\$ 3,356.11

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$ 697.50	
Librarian Assistants		275.08
New Books, Magazines		
Maintenance		
Ada Zuk, Cleaning	20.00	
Virgil Coffin, Shoveling Walk	44.00	
William Presby, Plowing Parking Lot	30.00	
James Cyr, Work on Drain	189.75	
Clark-Goudie, Servicing Destroilet	32.50	
Clifton Aldrich, Lawn Upkeep	67.00	
Whitney's, Storm Door and Windows	654.33	
Public Service, Electricity	98.02	
Cray Oil		
Cleaning Furnace and Parts	29.45	
Oil	322.17	
N. C. McCulloch, Oil	142.62	
Floradale, Window Boxes	<u>14.00</u>	1,643.84
Miscellaneous		
Librarian Supplies, Box Rent, Stamps, Etc.	52.76	
Librarian Social Security, 1976	<u>40.93</u>	<u>93.69</u>
Total Expenses		\$ 3,354.29
Balance January 1, 1978		\$ 1.82

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1977

Adult Fiction loaned	1,301
Adult Non-Fiction loaned	340
Children's Fiction loaned	638
Children's Non-Fiction loaned	202
Magazines loaned	139
Records loaned	<u>50</u>

Total	2,670
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Attendance	1,583
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	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Juvenile</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. volumes beginning of year	4,073	751	4,824
No. volumes added	<u>130</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>151</u>
Total	4,203	772	4,975
Discards	<u>71</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>71</u>
Total	4,132	772	4,904
Records owned	154	36	190
Magazines received	7	-	7

Books borrowed from the Bookmobile:

Fiction	Non-Fiction	Juvenile
476	448	1,189
Total borrowed		2,113
Bookmobile visits		3

TOWN OF FRANCONIA

RECREATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES — 1977

Directors' Salaries:		
Mark Galvin	\$ 800.00	
Cary Williams	800.00	
Marilyn Collins	<u>50.00</u>	\$1,650.00

Labor:		
Robert C. McLachlin	\$ 163.00	
Mark Galvin	<u>51.00</u>	214.00

Services & Supplies:		
Robert C. McLachlin	\$ 125.00	
Mark Galvin	27.54	
Gary Williams	17.24	
Debbie Sussman	30.00	
Franconia Hardware	86.10	
Kelley's Shop & Save	1.39	
Church of Christ	2.50	
Prescott Lumber Co.	178.30	
N. E. Telephone	<u>64.96</u>	533.03

Hockey:		
Phone	\$ 87.31	
Supplies	294.11	
Gas	645.76	
Plow & Mat.	67.10	
Lights	470.51	
Tape Player Repair	22.95	
Elec. Work (Lemire)	293.80	
Courier Printing Notices	25.80	
Mike Pratt	422.50	
Bob McLachlin	505.00	
Bill Grady	60.00	
Joe Herbert Plumbing	<u>30.43</u>	2,925.27
Films & Badges --Ck. not cashed		
	(\$64.80)	

Little League:		
15 Uniforms	\$ 146.00	
15 Numbers Haggetts	6.75	
3 Doz. Baseballs Sporting	75.00	
2 Bats Store	20.00	
2 Tether balls	27.54	
Franconia Village Store	93.91	
Franconia Hardware	<u>33.60</u>	<u>402.80</u>

Total Recreation Program Expenditures	\$5,725.10
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RECREATION PROGRAM BUDGET

Little League:	
Uniforms & Equipment	\$ 300.00

Hockey Program:	
Phone	\$ 100.00
Supplies	300.00
Gas	700.00
Lights	500.00
Radio & Tape Player (new)	120.00
Advertising	50.00
Coaches Expenses	300.00
Cleaning & making ice	1,000.00
Uniforms & Equipment	200.00
Repairs to Rink	<u>430.00</u>
	\$3,700.00

Summer Program	\$1,700.00
Rental of Pool	300.00
Services & supplies	<u>500.00</u>
	\$2,500.00

Little League	\$ 300.00
Hockey Program	3,700.00
Summer Program	<u>2,500.00</u>

\$6,500.00 Amount to be raised by Taxes

Sugar Hill's share is \$1,602.25

Easton's share is \$503.10



Early road maintenance. The man and oxen are very likely working out Taxes, a common arrangement in times past.

SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - 1977

RECEIPTS

Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 809.74
Interest from A. Anker - C.D. Fund	1,000.00
Interest from Perpetual Care - C.D. Fund	915.30
Lot Care	276.00
Trustee of Trust Funds - Lisbon	27.96
Sale of Lot	50.00
Perpetual Care	150.00
Interest - Checking Account	<u>43.93</u>

Total Receipts \$ 3,272.93

DISBURSEMENTS

Social Security	\$ 50.46
Box Rent	6.00
Transfer to Perpetual Care Fund	200.00
Tools & Equipment	144.64
Repairs	103.44
Flowers for A. Anker	4.00
Supplies & Seed	45.02
Loam	315.00
Labor & Truck	1,783.52
Postage	<u>9.10</u>

Total Disbursements \$ 2,661.18

Cash on Hand December 31, 1977 \$ 611.75

Peoples National Bank - N.O.W. Account

Balance December 31, 1976	\$ 2,663.46
Receipts - Interest Earned 1977	<u>137.01</u>
Balance December 31, 1977	\$ 2,800.47

Statement of Perpetual Care Funds

\$12,000.00 of these funds is invested in a six year Investment Certificate of the Lafayette National Bank at $7\frac{1}{2}\%$. Interest is paid quarterly and amounted to \$905.64.

The balance of the funds is in a Savings Account which shows a balance of \$935.19 on December 31, 1977.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Jesseman
Treasurer



This gathering of people was to honor the cornerstone laying of St. Matthews Church.

WHITE MOUNTAIN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

This is a summary of your Region Association's Activities/Programs for the fiscal year July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977.

Assisted the N.H. Office of Comprehensive Planning in implementing an experimental air freight/passenger service from the Whitefield Regional and the Berlin Municipal Airports.

Sponsored an inter-regional conference on Black Fly Biology and Control with the University of New Hampshire and the State Department of Agriculture.

Published a new Cross-Country Ski Touring folder which your Association distributed throughout eastern United States.

Printed and distributed Fall Foliage Shunpike folders, White Mountains Maps and Guides, Regional and State Accommodation directories, and Canoeing and Kayaking information.

Committed \$5,000 (included a corporate advertising program with the Center) to the White Mountains Center for the Arts as well as substantial time of the Association's executive director and executive secretary.

Prepared all text material for issues of Outlook magazine.

Provided regional information and promotional material to out-of-state promotion and travel agents.

Committed \$1,200 to many communities in support of local projects, and continued financial support of 4-H groups in Grafton, Coos and Carroll Counties. Also financed publication of the Christmas Tree Vendor which supports the Region's \$1.2 million Christmas tree industry.

Implemented a series of sub-regional meetings to improve communication between the communities and your Association.

Answered some 3,000 inquiries and sent out 51 Bulletins of Lodging and Real Estate inquiries.

Served on several committees and organizations throughout the State and region.

Referred vacation/travel business to many inns, hotels and motels around the region.

Answered 184 bulk inquiries.



EDWARD G. PINKERTON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WHITE MOUNTAINS
REGION ASSOCIATION
OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

LANCASTER, N.H. 03584 (603) 788-2061

May 4, 1977

Mr. Roger H. Aldrich, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Sugar Hill, N.H. 03585

Gentlemen:

The officers, directors, and councilmen of your Region Association want to sincerely express their deep appreciation to Sugar Hill for its continued support with an appropriation of \$270 in 1977.

The Association will continue to keep the Town of Sugar Hill informed about the Association's activities through its reports and minutes sent every two months to each member of the board of selectmen following WMRA board of directors' meetings. In addition, the selectmen will receive copies of the Association's magazine, Outlook, which will contain added information about WMRA programs and activities.


I hope the selectmen will take a few minutes from their very busy schedules to read the reports, minutes, and/or magazine articles.

If there should be questions or comments regarding your Association's programs, by all means please write or call.

Again, the Association salutes Sugar Hill for its most generous support and investment in the region's economy.

Sincerely,

WHITE MOUNTAINS REGION ASSOCIATION


Edward G. Pinkerton,
Executive Director

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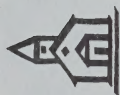


MARRIAGES — 1977

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Each	Names of Parents	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person By Whom Married
February 12, 1977 Bethlehem, N. H.	David Edward Bishop Lynn Therrel Glaessel	Bethlehem, N. H. Sugar Hill, N. H.	Edward H. Bishop Frances E. Irons John G. MacDonald Edna Boody	Peter W. Smith Bethlehem, N. H. Justice of the Peace
May 25, 1977 Franconia, N. H.	Bradley Eastman Presby Mary Elizabeth Stroup	Sugar Hill, N. H. Franconia, N. H.	Lester William Presby, Jr. Reta Yvonne Eastman Ira Dale Stroup Angela Bernadine Ruppert	Rev. George F. Harvey Whitefield, N. H. Roman Catholic Priest
September 17, 1977 Sugar Hill, N. H.	Archibald Graham McIlwaine Susanne Maria Kovats	Greenwich, CT New York, N. Y.	John C. McIlwaine Deborah Packard Andrew Inre Kovats Katalin Rapolti-nagy	Clinton H. Blake, Jr. Franconia, N. H. Clergyman
September 25, 1977 Sugar Hill, N. H.	John Howard Wenig Frances Annette Clark	Storm Lake, Iowa Sugar Hill, N. H.	Charles Brandt Wenig Minnie Finkner Edward Francis Fahey Bertha Marie Ray	Rev. Virgil Coffin Sugar Hill, N. H. Clergyman



BIRTHS — 1977



DEATHS — 1977

Date and Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	M S		Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
					W	D			
March 22, 1977 Manchester, N.H.	Charles M. Grant	69	N.H.	M		Sep.	Chef	Nelson J. Grant	Mattie L. Bowles
April 30, 1977 Littleton, N.H.	Vincent R. Dahlfred	61	N.H.	M		D	Economic Director	John Dahlfred	Alma Rosell
November 9, 1977 Sugar Hill, N.H.	William Cornelius Sullivan	65	MA	M		M	Retired Asst. Director F.B.I.	William Sullivan	Joan O'Connell
December 6, 1977 Franconia, N.H.	Lilian A. MacCormack	92	MA	F		W	Housewife	E. Frank Amsdeen	A. Ida Elliott
December 11, 1977 Littleton, N.H.	Harold W. Smith	87	N.H.	M		W	Bookkeeper	Willard Smith	Abida Quimby
December 27, 1977 Franconia, N.H.	Mattie E. Hunt	87	N.H.	F		W	Housewife	Arthur Pearson	Elizabeth Russell

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